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Preliminary Report on the Origin of Staff Intelligence Projects

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CIA Series

The CIA series, a monthly review of the world situation, was established in September 1947 at the suggestion of Admiral Souers and the Secretariat of the NSC. CIA-1 appeared in September 1947, CIA-2 in November 1947, and subsequent items appeared monthly thereafter. The individual items in the series are in effect initiated by G/GS.

Items published to date: 21.

SR Series

The situation reports had a two-fold origin. Within ORE, as early as 1946, there was a feeling that estimates produced could be substantiated by studies of the basic situation in each country. Pending the completion of the NIS series, a series of brief basic situation studies was felt to be the answer. At the same time, upon instruction from CNO, ONI approached CIA with the inquiry whether CIA could provide basic country handbooks, of small size and limited content, for high level briefing. The acceptance of this requirement by CIA was merged with the ORE project, and the result was the SR series. The series may be considered static, as no new studies are being added, and the program will be considered complete when studies now in progress have been published.

Items published to date: 25*

Studies in progress: 17

Total:

42*

* Includes two studies on raw materials, initiated at the request of the Munitions Board.

ORE Series

ORE studies are the principal vehicle of coordinated intelligence estimates produced by CIA. Origin is indicated in the following table:

<u>External</u>		<u>Internal</u>	
White House	7	B/EE	4
NSC	19	B/WE	12
Sec Def	3	B/NE	8
JIG	1	B/FE	22
IAC	6	B/LA	8
NSRB	0	B/No	1
Min.Bd.	0	G/EC	3
ECA	1	G/Tr	4
SANACC	1	G/IO	2
25X1C [REDACTED]		G/GS	0
DCI	1	G/SI	2

External Origin 41

Internal Origin 73

Not accounted for 1

Total 115

IM Series

IM's are memoranda prepared for the DCI and further disseminated at his pleasure. They are for the most part uncoordinated, spot intelligence estimates, and have usually originated in response to outside requests. Since January 1949 they have made up an increasingly important share of ORE production.

<u>External</u>		<u>INTERNAL</u>	
White House	12	B/EE	11
NSC	7	B/WE	5
Sec Def	14	B/NE	0
JIG	31	B/FE	1
IAC	9	B/LA	4
NSRB	2	B/No	1
Mun.Bd.	1	G/Ec	3
ECA	7	G/Tr	7
SANACC	1	G/IO	1
25X1C [REDACTED]		G/GS	0
DCI	19	G/SI	2
<u>External origin</u>		106	
<u>Internal origin</u>		35	
<u>Not accounted for</u>		35	
<u>Total</u>		<u>176</u>	

The present report does not cover the origin of M and MR series published by the Map Branch, and does not cover items published by OSI after 1 January 1949.